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Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £500,000. REGISTERED OFFICE, 40, THE MARK LANE, LONDON.

BRANCHES.

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE BANK RECEIVES MONEY ON DEPOSIT, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1123

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £7,000,000. RESERVE FUND, £2,500,000. RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION, £500,000. RESERVE LIABILITY, £7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSON. Deputy Chairman—A. MOYER, Esq.

O. D. BOUTWELL, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. A. T. MOYER, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. E. E. SASSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGERS.

HONGKONG—H. JACKSON, Esq. SHANGHAI—E. CAMERON, Esq. SENIOR MANAGERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum. For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1439

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong, Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3, Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$250 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum to interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed on depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "On Hongkong Savings Bank" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 754

HONGKONG PHARMACY.

25, LYNDHURST TERRACE, WOODFORD & Co.

H. B. WOODFORD, Medical Practitioner, 25, LYNDHURST TERRACE, Hongkong, July 10, 1885. 1169

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES DUKE MONRO is authorized to Sign our Firm.

BRADLEY & Co. Swatow, 22nd September, 1885. 1065

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED ourselves in Hongkong as Messrs. CHAMBERS and COMMERCIAL AGENTS, under the Style or Firm of ABRAHAM EZEKIEL & Co., in connection with Mr. SHOOKER ABRAHAM in Bombay.

ABRAHAM EZEKIEL & Co. Hongkong, September 28, 1885. 1701

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as GENERAL BROKER and COMMISSION AGENT, specially of Chinese Goods from Canton.

F. X. DE CRUZ, No. 3, STAMFORD STREET, Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1732

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE HONAM will make a TRIP to MACAO and back on SUNDAY, the 4th October, leaving Hongkong at 8 a.m., and Macao at 10 p.m. First Class Fare to Macao and back, \$2. No Second Class. Chinese servants, 50 Cents each way. Excursionists are requested to provide themselves with CASH for the Payment of their Fares, as upon this occasion Chits will not be accepted.

Refreshments will be supplied on Board, but no Meals.

By Order, T. ARNOLD, Secretary, Hongkong, September 23, 1885. 1687

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second BONUS of FIVE PER CENT. on Contributions and a DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on Shares for the Year 1884, will be Payable on SATURDAY, the 3rd Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board, N. J. EDE, Secretary, Hongkong, October 2, 1885. 1730

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS OF THE EXCELLENCE THE VICEROY OF CHIHILI.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, August 11, 1885. 1373

THE HARMON HAND GRENADE.

THE Undersigned, having just arrived, is prepared to fill all Orders for the above GRENADE. It is the Cheapest, Simplest, and Best Known.

SEND ALL ORDERS TO E. CLARK, Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, September 23, 1885. 1682

GOVERNMENT SHILLER.

TICKETS entitling DESTITUATES other than Chinese to 24 hours BOARD and LODGING in the above SHILLER can now be obtained at the Treasury in Books of 20. Each Book costs \$5. Two or more Tickets may be given where extended relief is thought desirable. The Men-relieved will be allowed opportunities of seeking employment.

Charitable persons are earnestly requested to refrain from giving Money to Destituates, and to avail themselves of the above or some other organized method of relief.

Hongkong, June 13, 1885. 978

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.

Chromometers, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL & SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGERS' CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES. REMOVED TO NEW AND OTHER COMPANIES. ADMIRALTY & IMBEY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware. Clocks & Co. Clocks. PLATE WARE. GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY. In great variety.

DIAMONDS.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY. A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices. 746

Business Notices.

AUTUMN 1885.

200 CARPETS! 500 PAIRS OF CURTAINS! 100 BEDSTEADS!!!

TO SELECT FROM.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to announce that they have just received their New Stock of CARPETS and FURNISHING GOODS in this Season's Designs, comprising:

'BRUSSELS CARPETS' in Art Colourings with Borders and Rugs to match.

'ORIENTAL CARPETS' in Art Colourings with Borders and Rugs to match.

'WESTMINSTER CARPETS' in Art Colourings with Borders and Rugs to match.

'KENSINGTON CARPETS' Seamless, Bordered, Fringed and Reversible. These Carpets, the most artistic production of the English Loom, are woven in one piece without seam, may be used on either side, can be laid in a variety of patterns and sizes, and are, in fact, a large assortment of Rugs and Rugs, Daghestan and Yucorides Rugs in Oriental designs, an immense variety of Axminster and Velvet Hearth Rugs, Sheepskin Rugs, and Mats in all Colourings.

NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS in White and Ecru, from \$2.00 per pair.

MADRAS MUSLIN CURTAINS, beautifully coloured in art designs.

APETIQUE LACE CURTAINS and ANTIMACASSARS.

A large assortment of TAPESTRIES in Silk and Wool for Curtains and Covering Furniture.

Our usual Stock of BEDSTEADS has been supplemented by a variety of New Patterns in Brass and Iron, from \$10 each.

CHILDREN'S COTS in great variety.

'EXCELSIOR' and Woven Wire Spring MATTRESSES in all sizes; Folding BEDS and Hammock COTS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1715

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsuited for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors, Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Scotch Tweed Suit, \$15.00.

Over 100 patterns of Stylish Tweeds of Exceptionally Good value to select from.

While advertising our 'Specialties' we also wish to draw the attention of our Customers to our now complete Stock of TWEED SUITINGS, COATINGS, TROUSERSINGS, SERGES, FLANNELS, &c. A large and choice selection of the newest FABRICS of English, Scotch and Continental Manufacture, from medium to the very finest qualities.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1717

W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE Just Landed Ex S.S. DJEMAH and JASON, a Splendid Assortment of LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S BOOTS & SHOES.

Leather Goods, Gentlemen's Boots, Ladies' Boots, Children's Boots, Walking Shoes, Button and Lace, Soft Kid and Glacé Walking Boots, French Evening Shoes, beaded Toes, Black and White SATIN Shoes, Tennis Shoes, all sizes.

MELTIAN CREAM (the best thing for cleaning Ladies' Shoes).

CHAMPAGNE, A. J. D. & Co. BUTTON BOOTS and SHOES, LACE BOOTS and SHOES, PATENT LEATHER SHOES, TENNIS SHOES, INFANTS' SHOES.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, September 25, 1885. 1675

Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premium for the year ended December last, in order that the PROPORTION OF PROFIT for that year to be paid as BONUS to Contributors may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th NOVEMBER NEXT, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary, Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1714

GRIFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG.

NOW READY, L. DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFITH & Co., MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON ERATED WATERS, L. DUDDELL STREET.

Continue to Supply: Soda Water, Lemonade, Gingerale, Raspberry, Strawberry, &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges. Hongkong, June 9, 1885. 967

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER.

22, PRATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUKE, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS, COOK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 2561

Prospectus.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, \$25,000 DOLLARS.

In 1250 Shares of \$20 each. On each share the sum of \$50 is to be paid upon allotment, and the balance by one call to be made at such time as the General Managers, with the advice and direction of the Consulting Committee, shall determine.

Consulting Committee: THE HON. PHILIPPS EXRIE, A. MOYER, Esq. J. B. COUGHTRIE, Esq. A. FINDLAY SMITH, Esq.

General Managers: MESSRS. MACFARLANE, FRICKEL & Co.

BANKERS: THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Solicitors: MESSRS. WOOTTON AND DEACON.

Company's Office: 36, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Abridged Prospectus.

THE Company (which was duly incorporated as a Company Limited by shares on the 17th day of August, 1885) has been formed for the purpose of constructing, equipping and working a line of Tramway between a terminus adjoining St. John's Place in Garden Road and Victoria Gap, Hongkong.

With this object in view, the Company has acquired from the Hon. P. RYAN and Mr. A. FINDLAY SMITH the right to construct and maintain such a Tramway by an Indenture dated the 12th day of September, 1885, and made between the Hon. P. RYAN and A. FINDLAY SMITH of the one part and the Company of the other part, whereby these gentlemen granted and assigned to the Company the right to construct and maintain the Tramway No. 6 in the Tramways Ordinance 1883, and thereby authorized to be made, and all the privileges thereby conferred in so far as the Company might desire to exercise the same in regard to the said Tramway. This Indenture is open to inspection at the Office of the Company.

The Public are already alive to the necessity for this undertaking, and are aware of the steadily increasing traffic between the City of Victoria and Victoria Gap, the best for road promises to make remunerative, speedy, economical, and thoroughly effective and safe means of transit to the Peak. This is the intention of the Company to provide by placing the Gap, within seven minutes' ride from the City level.

The general merits of the project have been made known by the local newspapers, and it will therefore be sufficient to state that the Company has taken over a well-matured scheme which has received, during upwards of four years, careful consideration from its Promoters, with the assistance of the best professional advice. One of the Promoters, it may be mentioned, has recently inspected most of the existing mountain tramways in Europe and America.

The construction of the Tramway is now being proceeded with under the supervision and management of Mr. J. J. BOULTON, Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., and Mr. JAMES ANDERSON, on a principle embracing all the most recent improvements and ensuring absolute safety in working.

In addition to the income from passenger traffic already assured by the great number of residences now existing at the Peak, a considerable revenue is confidently expected from the facilities of access to the mountain offered to visitors and residents. The Company also anticipates an additional income from the overhills traffic to Aberdeen and Pokfulam, and the Carriage of Building Materials, Coal, and General Goods and Parcels.

It is in contemplation to have well-appointed Chairs under the Company's control at the Gap to convey passengers from thence to any point on the mountain at fixed rates, and also, if necessary, Chairs and Rickshaws at the lower terminus.

The Ordinances under which the Company will construct this Tramway are Ordinances Nos. 6 and 18 of 1883. The deed of grant, dated the 8th day of April 1885, is open to inspection at the Office of the Company.

The only agreements in existence affecting the undertaking are:

(1) An agreement dated the 20th day of April 1885, whereby Mr. ANDERSON was appointed Manager for the construction of the Tramway and for the other purposes therein mentioned.

The burden of this Agreement has been taken over by the Company. This Agreement is open to inspection at the Office of the Company.

(2) An Agreement dated the Twelfth day of September, 1885, whereby Mr. BOULTON was appointed Resident Engineer of the Peak Tramway, and this Agreement is also open to inspection at the Office of the Company.

Copies of this Prospectus and forms of Application for Shares can be obtained, and a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and plans and estimates, can be seen at the Office of the Company.

Half the number of shares are already taken up. Application for the balance of the shares will be received by the General Managers up to, and inclusive of, the 15th day of October, 1885.

MACFARLANE, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, September 15, 1885. 1697

CHEE WO-LING KEE.

HAS always on HAND STRAITS LAMPOONS FOR FIRE CHARGES as follows:

Wing-Shing, Wing-Cheong, and Wing-Tai. For first hour, \$3. For second hour, \$2. For every subsequent hour, \$1.

Wing-Fuk, Wing-Lay, and Wing-Lee. For first hour, \$3. For second or subsequent hour, \$2.

Rates for towing Vessels and Cargo-boats, or use of LAMPONS for Excursions to Macao, Canton, or other places may be arranged at No. 29, WING WO STREET, Hongkong, June 19, 1886. 970

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 5th October, 1885, at 2 p.m., at No. 1, Hollywood Road, the Residence of the late D. RUTTENBERG, Esq.,

THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:

ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT SOFA and CHAIRS, MAHOGANY EASY CHAIRS, and CENTER TABLE.

CHIMNEY GLASSES, VASES and ORNAMENTS.

DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, WHATNOTS, CROCKERY, GLASS and CHINA WARE, BRACKETS and CORNER BRACKETS, with MIRRORS.

DOUBLE BRASS BEDSTEAD, WARDROBE, BUREAU with GLASS, and WARDEN'S.

OFFICE DESKS, COPYING PRESS, and FILING STANDS.

ONE IRON CHEST.

ONE MONEY SCALE, and ONE AMERICAN SCALE and WEIGHTS.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, September 30, 1885. 1713

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in a suit between H. R. RUSSELL, Plaintiff, and J. M. ARMSTRONG, Defendant, instituted in the Original Jurisdiction, and Numbered 40 of 1884, will Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 17th day of October, 1885, at 3 o'clock p.m., on the Premises, the following VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

Situate at SINGAPORE, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong.

ALL THAT PIECE OF GROUND, Registered in the Land Office as INLAND Lot No. 507, together with the FIVE MESSUAGES, ERECTIONS & BUILDINGS thereon, and known as Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10, FIRST STREET, SINGAPORE. Together also with a MESSUAGE and SHOP erected on the East Side of the said Piece of Ground, fronting New East Street. There is a passage to Second Street occupied by a Timber Yard. Annual Crown Rent, \$106.88. The whole of the said Premises are held for the residue of a term of 999 years, from the 8th day of March, 1838, and will be sold, subject to a Lease thereof, granted to Mr. CHIO TAO for a term of 5 years, from the 30th day of June, 1883, at a Monthly Rental of \$150 a month, payable quarterly, and also subject to the payment of the Crown Rent, and to the covenants and conditions contained in the Crown Lease thereof.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor, 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road; or to

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, October 2, 1885. 1729

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship Thais, Captain POCOCK, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 6th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, October 2, 1885. 1726

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KODE.

The British Steamer Benary, Captain CLARK, has here

and will be despatched for the above Ports on the 6th October, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, September 30, 1885. 1705

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK.

The Company's Steamer Kong Beng, Captain R. JONES, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Instant, at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents, Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1720

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY

For Sale.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
ARE NOW LANDING

DEVOS NONPAREIL KEROSENE
OIL.

HITCHCOCK MECHANICAL
'NO CHIMNEY'
LAMP.

STUDENT'S LAMP.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

MACKENZIE & MACKENZIE'S
BISCUITS.

NEW SEASON'S TEA,
in 5 or 10 Catty Boxes.

YELLOW GOSHEW BUTTER,
in 5 or 10 lbs Tins.

Condensed MILK.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.

COOKING STOVES.

AGATE-IRON WARE.

MILNER'S FIRE PROOF SAFES.

Do. CASE AND PAPER
BOXES.

ALLEN & GOSWELL'S
TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

BEER AND PORTER
in
Hogsheads.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of

OILMAN'S STORES,

AND

WINES,

at the lowest possible prices

FOR CASH.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1519

Intimations.

JAYES' DISINFECTANTS.

THE PERFECT PURIFIER.

THE Best and Cheapest DISINFECTANT
and **CLANS.** In Cases of 1 dozen
8-oz. Bottles, and in 1 and 2 Gallon Drums.

SANITARY POWDER
in Boxes of 1 dozen 2½ lbs Tins.

The above are recommended by the local
Sanitary Board.

Apply to

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 18, 1885. 1633

In the Matter of the Estate of **SIR HARRY**
SMITH PARKES, Knight Companion
of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath,
late of Great Britain, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons
having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS
upon or against the Estate of the said **SIR HARRY**
SMITH PARKES, who died in Peking,
in the Empire of China, on the 2nd day
of March, 1885, and Letters of Administration
to whose Estate were granted by the
Supreme Court of Hongkong, its Pro-
bate Jurisdiction, to the Undersigned, one
of the Executors named in the Will of the
Deceased, are hereby required to send in
writing to the Undersigned, on or before
the 31st day of OCTOBER, 1885, the full
Particulars of their Claims or Demands.
And Notice is hereby also given that as
soon as possible after the Expiration of the
period above mentioned, the Undersigned
will proceed to distribute the Assets of the
said **SIR HARRY SMITH PARKES**, Deceased,
amongst the parties entitled thereto, having
regard only to the Claims of which he shall
then have had Notice and that he will not
be liable for the Assets or any part thereof
so distributed to any Person or Persons, of
whose Claim or Claims he shall not have
had Notice at the time of the distribution.
All Persons INDEBTED to the Estate
are requested to make immediate Payment
to the Undersigned.

Dated in Hongkong, the 18th day
of July, 1885.

W. KESWICK.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN are at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Shipmasters being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

Manager, **NEIL O'BRIEN.**

GLORIOUS RECEPTION & BRILLIANT SUCCESS
of the

FAMOUS AND POPULAR
MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY.

The Opening Performance received by a
house crowded from floor to ceiling, with
the greatest enthusiasm.

THIS EVENING,
SATURDAY, the 2nd October, 1885.

The original and only legitimate version of
Von Supp's

'BOCCACCIO,'

'BOCCACCIO,'

'BOCCACCIO.'

The Management beg to assure the Public
that Boccaccio will be performed in
Hongkong for the First Time

SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

Conductor, **SIGNOR VALENZA.**

Box Plan now open at KELLY & WALSH'S
(Limited).

Hongkong, October 3, 1885. 1728

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist.

(FORMERLY ATTENDED APPRENTICE AND LAT-
TERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)

The urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied
by Dr. ROGERS.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address

2, DUDDELL STREET

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 19th 1885. 66

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship

Japan,

Captain T. S. GARDNER,

will be despatched for

the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 15th

instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

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To-day's Advertisements.

IN the High Court of Justice, of England,
Chancery Division (Mr. Justice Chitty).

The Master of the Companies Acts,
1867 and 1877, and in the Matter of the
LONDON AND PROVINCIAL FIRE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY (Limited).—Notice

is hereby given, that a PETITION
presented to the High Court of Justice,
Chancery Division, on the 2nd day of June,
1885, for confirming a special resolution re-
lating to the capital of the above-men-
tioned company from £1,000,000 to £200,000, is
directed to be heard before his Lordship, Mr.
Justice Chitty, on the 15th day of May,
1886. Any creditor or shareholder of the
company desiring to oppose the making of
an order for the reduction of the capital of
the said company, under the above Acts,
shall appear at the time of hearing by
himself or his counsel for that purpose. A
copy of the petition will be furnished to any
creditor or shareholder of the company re-
quiring the same by the undersigned solicitors,
on payment of the regulated charge for
the same.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1885.

CHAPPLE, WELCH, and CHAPPLE,
25, Carter Lane, London, England,
Solicitors for the Company.

1734

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

The Company's S.S. **Wingang** having ar-
rived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for counter-signature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of remain-
ing on Board after the 7th instant will be
at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 3, 1885. 1731

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

The Steamship **Japan** having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for counter-signature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding discharge will be at once
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

Consignees are hereby informed that all
Claims must be made immediately, as
none will be entertained after the 9th
instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 3, 1885. 1732

STEAMER ANGER HEAD, FROM
ANTWERP, GLASGOW AND
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above-
named Steamer are hereby notified
that the Cargo is being landed and stored at
their risk into the Godowns of the Under-
signed, whence and/or from the Wharves or
Buoys delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
noon on Monday, the 5th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
12th instant will be subject to rent.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left our Godowns.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 3, 1885. 1740

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

OCTOBER 3, 1885.

STOCKS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK CORP. 50,000 \$ 12 1/2

INSURANCES.

North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. 5,000 £ 2 1/2

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Hongkong, October 3, 1885. 1736

ADVICE, GRATIS.

Girls! don't say 'yes' to any 1
Who wants to marry you,
Whose breath 3 times a whiffy smell,
Or 4 it you will rue.

Love can't say 3 in a case;
No met, July 6 can
Make you believe it's 7 on earth
With an interloper 8 man.

Oh, satir 9 will be your days;
Your 10 heart heart will break,
And all your hopes will come to 0
If you 9 tippler take.

It's best 4 1 2 8 2 wed
With 40 tude in 8
Until with 3 son 1 is led
2 choose a proper mate.

—H. C. Dodge.

THE EVOLUTION OF 'THE MIKADO.'

BY MR. W. S. GILBERT.

Mr. W. S. Gilbert contributes to the *New York Tribune* an account of the evolution of 'The Mikado,' which will no doubt be read with great interest.

Very few people (says Mr. Gilbert) have any idea of the amount of earnest thought that a dramatic author must bestow upon his original work before it is in a condition to be presented to the very exacting audience that fill a good London theatre on the occasion of the first performance of a new play.

THE 'RUMP STEAK' AND 'OTHER SAGE' PIECE.

I do not mean to say that original dramatic composition involves necessarily a high order of literary ability. On the contrary, I believe the chief element in successful success is to keep well within the understanding of the least intelligent section of the audience. The dramatic author is in the position of a caterer who has to supply one dish of which all members of every class of society are invited to partake. If he supplies nothing but *caviare*, he will surely irritate the caterer; if he supplies nothing but baked sheep's head, the caterer will be disgusted. Probably the dish that will be acceptable to the largest number of diners is a rump steak and potato sauce, which is, after all, a capital thing in its way and may be taken as a type of the class of piece which is most likely to succeed. It does not call for a very high order of merit on the part of the chef, but it requires a good deal of practical skill nevertheless. It occurred to me that the difficulties of dramatic authorship might be effectively set forth by narrating the history of a piece from its germ to its production upon the stage, and as the incidents of 'The Mikado' are fresh in my mind, that will serve my purpose as well as another.

A JAPANESE SWORD THE GERM.

In May, 1884, it became necessary to decide upon a subject for the next Savoy opera. A Japanese executioner's sword hanging on the wall of my library—the very sword carried by Mr. Grosvenor at his entrance in the first act—suggested the broad idea upon which the piece is based. A Japanese piece would afford opportunities for picturesque scenery and costumes, and, moreover, nothing of the kind had ever been attempted in England. There were difficulties in the way. Could a sufficient number of genuine Japanese dresses in good condition be procured in London? How would the ladies of our chorus look in black wigs? Could they be taught to wear the Japanese costume effectively? However, none of these difficulties appeared to be insuperable, and the scheme of a Japanese piece was decided upon. Then it became necessary to fit the Company with parts, and this was not so easy a matter as it may appear at first sight to be. We had written six operas for practically the same company, and in this, our seventh, it was of course necessary to steer clear of everything that we had already done, and yet to fit our company with parts to which they could do justice, and which would do justice to them. The accident that Miss Bramham, Miss Jessie Bond, and Miss Sybil Gray are short-handed in all of our previous operas suggested the advisability of employing three Japanese schoolgirls who should work together throughout the piece. Miss Bramham is a personable young lady who has no objection to 'make up' old and ugly and of her good-natured readiness to sacrifice her own personal attractions to the exigencies of the plot we have perhaps taken an undue advantage.

THE SCENARIO.

The next thing was to decide upon two scenes which should be characteristic and effective. The respective advantages of a street in Nagasaki, a Japanese market-place, a wharf with shipping, a Japanese garden, a seaside bench, and the courtyard of a Japanese palace, were duly weighed, and the courtyard and the Japanese garden were finally decided upon. Then the story of the piece had to be drawn up in narrative form, and this, I find, was done in eleven different ways; each presumably an improvement on the last, and each containing the story in next divided into two acts, and the sequence of events in each act decided upon, with the exits and entrances sketched out, the purport of the various dialogues suggested, and the musical situations arranged. I had to make at least a dozen shots at the scenario (that is, the technical name for the piece in its skeleton form) before a course of action was finally decided upon. The plot having reached this stage, I read the story and scenario to Sir Arthur Sullivan. He approved of the story, made some valuable suggestions bearing chiefly on the musical situations, and after three or four hours of careful deliberation the chain of events was finally determined, and a twelfth and last version of the story, varying in no great degree from its immediate predecessor, was prepared the next day, and then the libretto was begun.

THE DIVISION OF LABOUR.

The libretto in its first form is simply the scenario reduced to dialogue of the libretto and simplest nature, leaving the songs to be written afterwards. No attempt at a *chorus* is to be found in the dialogue; it merely carries on the action in the fewest possible words. Having roughly sketched out the dialogue, I then set myself to the task of writing the songs. My usual practice is to furnish Sir Arthur Sullivan with the words of the first act, and while he is setting them I proceed with the songs of act two. When these are practically finished I revert to the dialogue, elaborating and polishing the crude suggestions contained in the version of the libretto, while he composes the music and so it comes to pass that the piano-forte score and the libretto are usually completed at about the same date. The libretto is then set up in type and read to the company. This is always a nervous affair, for by this time the actors have lost their point, the situations their novelty, and the author is generally a loss to see where the laughs will come in. I have often seen it stated that actors and actresses form a 'dispirited audience' at such a ceremony, and that they care little for the story or dialogue in its abstract.

their attention being concentrated on the parts which they believe they are destined to play, and on the contrary effect. As a body they are keenly alive to such motifs as the piece may possess, and I am sorry to say that I have often had occasion to wish that my play had 'gone' with the audience half as well as it did when it was read to the company.

THE SCENARIO.

Then comes the actual business of putting the pieces upon the stage. Hitherto it has existed only in manuscript—henceforth it is to live as an aggregate of fifty human beings. As the piece is an opera, the company must learn the music before they begin to study the dialogue and action. The music rehearsals usually last a fortnight, during which the author occupies himself, partly in getting the rhythm of the musical numbers into his very unusual head, partly in arranging details of scenery with the scenic artist, partly in arranging details of costumes, but chiefly with determining the 'stage management' of the piece, so that when the first 'act' rehearsal takes place he shall be in a position to announce a clear and distinct policy to his company. To this end, and to the purpose of making the piece as a whole half an inch to the foot, are supplied to me by the scenic artist, and on these miniature stages the piece is duly rehearsed, by the aid of blocks of wood three inches and two and a half inches in length, representing men and women respectively. The details which are obtained by this means are committed to paper, and at the very first rehearsal the piece begins to take a definite and distinct form. While these matters are occupying me, Sir Arthur Sullivan is busy with the music rehearsals.

TREATED FOR THE WRONG COMPLAINT.

It is at all times hard to lose one whom we hold dear, but it is terribly so when we have the consciousness that but for a mistaken treatment the loved one might have been with us still. In some cases, the fact that the sufferer is treated for the wrong complaint is known in sufficient time to admit of the patient being saved, and the following is a case in point:

A little more than two years ago, a beautiful young lady in New York was given up to die of consumption. Her friends, having taken her to Paris as a last resort, hoping to find some skillful physician there capable of arresting the rapid strides of the supposed dreadful disease. In this their hopes were disappointed, but fortunately away in that distant foreign city they met with a description of a new method of treating Dyspepsia, which emanated from the Mount Lebanon Shakers of the States of New York. The thought struck the parents of this helpless young girl that perhaps their daughter was afflicted with Indigestion or Dyspepsia, and not consumption, and if so, there might be a chance for her recovery.

Some of the Seigel's Curative Syrup, made especially for the cure of Dyspepsia, was obtained and administered to the patient, and the result was marvellous. To day their daughter lives in the enjoyment of good health. The fact was, the patient had been treated for the wrong complaint, and when she was treated for Dyspepsia (her real trouble), all the alarming symptoms of consumption vanished. This is not an isolated case. The country is full of suffering children that are being treated for Liver Complaint, Malaria, Kidney Disease, Lung Disorders, &c., &c., when the fact is they are afflicted with Indigestion in some of its varied forms, and all of such sufferers would obtain relief if they were properly treated for Dyspepsia.

ANOTHER CASE IN POINT.

Crofton, Christian Co., Ky., U.S.A.
"Dear Sir:—My daughter, Sarah F. Walker, last January was confined to her bed, and had been for twelve months, was under treatment of three eminent physicians, who said she had Consumption and Heart Disease. The doctors and all that saw her had given up hope of her recovery, and she had to take your Seigel's Curative Syrup, and after having used two and a half 60 ct. bottles she was restored to perfect health, and said she felt better than she had for five years. My daughter is now living and enjoying good health, but had it not been for your medicine she would have been now dead. Yours, &c., (Rev.) M. Melton."

"Anyone doubting this can write to Sarah F. Walker, Crofton, Ky."

"N.B.—If you think this worth printing, please do so; if not, give it to the waste basket."

PRONOUNCED HOPELESS BY FOUR DOCTORS.

Mr. W. Bouchier, Eastover, Biddwater, sends the following:
"West, Jan. 21st, 1885.
"Dear Sir:—It affords me great pleasure to add my testimony to the wonderful effects of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. For a period of eight years I suffered from a severe cough and indigestion, with frequent attacks of rheumatism, and for eleven months I was under medical treatment, without deriving the slightest benefit. The last four doctors I was under assured me that mine was a hopeless case, and gave me up as incurable. About that time I heard of Seigel's Syrup, which I was induced to try, and through its use, I am thankful to say, I quickly got restored to health, and am now able to follow my usual occupation. I may say that whenever I feel the least symptom of my old complaint I at once take a few doses of the Syrup, which quickly sets me all right. I send you this in the hope that such sufferers may be induced to give the Syrup a trial. Your truly,
(Signed) Wm. Randall."

AFTER MANY YEARS.

"Whittle-Je-Woods, near Chorley,
"December 26th, 1885.
"Dear Sir:—Mother Seigel's medicine sells exceeding well with us, all that try it speak highly in its favour. We had a case of a young lady that had been troubled many years with pains after eating. She tells us that the pains were entirely taken away after a few doses of your medicine. Yours truly,
"E. Peel."

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS.

"Stoke Ferry, January 9th, 1884.
"Gentlemen:—I have used Seigel's Syrup for several years, and have found it a most efficacious remedy for Liver complaints and general debility, and I always keep some by me, and cannot speak too highly in its praise.—I remain, yours truly,
"Harriet King."

AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS.

"95, Newgate Street, Workop, Notts,
"December 26th, 1885.
"Gentlemen:—It is in the greatest of pleasure I accord my testimony as to the efficacy of Mother Seigel's Syrup. My wife, who has suffered from acute Dyspepsia for over sixteen years, is now perfectly better through the sole help of your Syrup. In fact, I began to think she was incurable, until your marvellous medicine was tried.—I remain, yours truly,
"Alfred Ford."

Government Notification.

No. 56.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.
The following Rules regarding signalling at the Peak are published for general information.

By Command,
FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 17th February, 1885.

SIGNAL STATION, VICTORIA PEAK, HONGKONG.

1823 Feet above Sea Level.

1. The Union Jack will be hoisted at the Mast Head, when any vessel is being signalled.

2. The Commercial Code of Signals for all Nations will be used at the Station.

3. All Signals made by vessels in the Offing will be repeated.

4. When Signalling to Men-of-War in the Harbour or in the Offing, a White Ensign will be hoisted at the Mast Head, and the Mast Head of the Men-of-War will be substituted for the Compass Signal, and it will be kept flying until the Ship anchors.

5. When a Steamer, or the Smoke of a Steamer, is sighted, the Compass Barring at the Mast Head, and Distance off at the Mast Head, will be hoisted. If, when the vessel is made out, she is not a Mail Steamer, or the Vessel's Distinctive Flag will be substituted for the Compass Signal, and it will be kept flying until the Ship anchors.

6. If the Steamer is a regular Mail Steamer, the Gun will be fired, and a Ball over the English, French, or American Ensign, with the Distance off at that time, will be shown at the Mast Head. The Compass Signal and Symbol will be hoisted down. The Ball and Ensign will be kept up until the vessel anchors. The Distance Signal will be kept flying for half-an-hour, and changed at each successive half hour to show the Distance off at those times. When the vessel is between Green Island and the North Point of Hongkong the Distance Signal will be hoisted down.

7. River Steamers will not be signalled. The approach of other Steamers from Macao or Canton will be made known by showing the National, or House Flag and Symbol at the Mast Head.

8. If a Flag showing that an Officer of high rank is on board an incoming vessel, a similar Flag will be shown above the Ball, or the Flag alone will be hoisted at the Mast Head.

9. The approach of Men-of-War and Sailing Vessels will be notified by their proper Symbols and National Colours, or House Flags, at the Quarter of the Yard, or at the Yard Arm.

Note.—The Distances of vessels will be estimated from the Peak, and will be made by means of the Numbers which are attached to the letters in the table of Flags.

H. G. THOMAS, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

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